

Amendments to the Specification

At page 1, line 22 through page 2, line 2:

The present invention accordingly provides a frying apparatus for frying a food product, the apparatus comprising a container (~~frying bath~~) having an entry side and an exit side, and including at least one conveying device for conveying food product from the entry side through the container to the exit side, and further including at least one submerging device, the submerging device being located above the conveying device, ~~the submerging device~~ and being adapted to be moved between an out-of-use mode in which it is in a raised position and an in-use mode in which it is in a lowered position and is operative to hold the food product down on the conveyor belt, whereby, in use, a liquid at a pre-determined elevated temperature is held in the container ~~for frying the food product~~ and, the conveying device for carrying food product is located underneath the surface of the liquid ~~so that, and the submerging device is in the in-use mode with~~ the food product carried on the conveying device ~~is being~~ held down under the surface of the liquid by the submerging device thereby preventing the food product from floating to the surface of the liquid, ensuring effective and consistent frying of the food product, the apparatus further including a food product transferring device for transferring the product from a first conveying device in a first section of the container to a second conveying device in a second section of the container, the food product transferring device including a rotatable shaft having a plurality of vanes fixedly mounted thereon, the vanes being adapted for receiving food product emerging from the first conveying device and transferring said food product to the second conveying device by rotation of the transferring device such that product emerging from the first conveying device is received onto a vane and carried on the vane, through an arcuate path until the product falls from the vane onto the second conveying device, the food product transferring device being moveable between two alternative positions, a first position in which the product is flipped upside down through a 180° angle as the product is transferred from one section to another section; and a second position in which the product is conveyed from one section to another section without being flipped through a 180° angle.

Please delete the paragraph at page 3, lines 1-9:

~~The frying apparatus of the invention may also include a food product transferring device for transferring the product from the conveyor belt in a first section to the conveyor belt in a second section. The food product transferring device preferably includes a rotatable shaft having a plurality of vanes fixedly mounted thereon, the vanes being adapted for receiving food product emerging from a first conveyor belt in a first section of the container and transferring said food product to a second conveyor belt in a second section of the container, in use the transferring device rotating about its longitudinal axis and product emerging from the first conveyor belt being received onto a vane and carried on the vane through an arcuate path until the product falls from the vane onto a second conveyor belt.~~

Please delete the paragraph at page 3, lines 14-18:

~~Advantageously, the food product transferring device is moveable between two alternative positions, a first position in which the product is flipped upside down through a 180° angle as the product is transferred from one section to another section; and a second position in which the product is conveyed from one section to another section without being flipped through a 180° angle.~~

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